THE DEATH LIST

THAT HIDES THE TRUTH

WHO KILLED KENNEDY?

Coincidence or cover-up?

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DAMNING new evidence about the killing of President Kennedy would have been disclosed — if twenty-six people had been able to tell what they knew.

None of these people is now *able* to tell. All are dead.

They died between November, 1963 and last February.

Statistically, the odds against all these potential witnesses dying in this time are astronomical.

It is almost as though there were some dark and deadly plot to eliminate them.

But certainly if they were alive to testify before the new US Senate Select Committee now inquiring afresh into the assassinations, their evidence could be sensational.

The Committee is re-assessing the 1964 findings of the Warren Commission, which carried out the original investigation.

This is what happened to the 26 people.

Karyn Kupcinet, 23, of Chicago, rang a long-distance telephone operator two days before the assassination and screamed that Kennedy was to be murdered.

Two days after the assassination Karyn was found dead in her apartment—murdered by persons unknown

Mrs. Earlene Roberts was the landlady of Lee Harvey Oswald. She told the Warren Commission that when Oswald returned to his digs after he is said to have killed the President, he seemed to be waiting for someone.

It was never made clear *who.*

Mrs. Roberts had a

fatal heart attack in January, 1966.

William Whaley was the taxi driver who took Oswald back to his digs after Kennedy's assassination. He could have been called for further questioning.

Whaley died in a Dallas car crash in March, 1964.

Bill Chesher was a Dallas businessman who claimed to have information linking Oswald with **Jack Ruby** before Ruby got into Dallas police H.Q. and shot Oswald (Warren decided Oswald and Ruby were strangers).

Chesher had a fatal heart attack and died in March, 1964.

Tom Howard was one of Jack Ruby's lawyers and presumably knew his client well.

Howard had a fatal heart attack in March, 1964.

Ruby died of cancer, in 1967, four years after his arrest for shooting Oswald.

Journalists **Bill Hunter** and **Jim Koethe** had interviewed Howard about Ruby.

Hunter was shot dead in April, 1964. Koethe in Septtmber, 1964.

Reporter **Dorothy Killgallen** interviewed **Jack** Ruby in jail.

Dorothy was found dead in her New York home, apparently of drugs, in November, 1965.

Mrs. Earl Smith was told all about the prison interview by her friend Dorothy.

Mrs. Smith was found dead two days after Dorothy died. Cause unknown.

Gary Underhill, a CIA agent, told his colleagues he knew all about the assassination.

Underhill was shot in the head on May 8, 1964. Verdict: Suicide.

Hank Killam was a friend of nightclub owner Jack Ruby.

Hank was found dead with his throat cut in a back alley, March, 1964.

Betty MacDonald, Marilyn Magyar and **Rose Cherami** were strippers in Ruby's nightclub.

Betty was arrested on a minor charge and was found dead, hanging with her toreador trousers round her neck, in a Dallas jail in January, 1964.

Marilyn was shot dead in a Houston hotel room in August, 1964.

Rose was killed by a hit-and-run driver, September, 1965.

George De Mohrenschildt, who once befriended Oswald, told friends Kennedy had been killed by the FBI and that Oswald was "a patsy"—a scapegoat.

Mohrenschildt, according to some reports, was a CIA officer. He was in Cuba when the Mafia were allegedly being asked by the CIA to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Mohrenschildt was found dead with gunshot wounds to the head last February. Verdict: Suicide.

David Ferrie, former US Air Force pilot who, it was said, was flying arms into Cuba, was in New Orleans in 1963. Also there at that time was Mohrenschildt.

Ferrie was found dead

IS it true that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of President John Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963? If so, what can explain the later deaths—often violent—of so many people who might be connected with the assassination? Coincidence or cover-up? Here we bring out from the shadows more facts for you to study in one of the most baffling murder mysteries of all time.

'1,000 more died'

ONE man believes the total death roll in the cover-up after the Kennedy assassination is nearly one thousand.

The list published here today "is only a tip of the iceberg," says top U S researcher Penn Jones.

"I have a list of 130 suspicious deaths. And even that is only a fraction," he says.

Jones, who specialises in investigating the deaths of persons connected with the Kennedy affair, believes the assassination was the key to a coup by the U S Right-wing Establishment.

"The country was taken over by secret people," he says. "A military and big business elite who dominated the Pentagon and the CIA.

"The coup led to the shambles of Vietnam, the increase of CIA influence, and, ultimately, to Watergate.

"On November 22 not only was Kennedy assassinated but America changed hands."

Research is going on in Britain too, by the Assassination Committee for the Truth, one of whose leaders, Mrs. Hazel Hale, of Leeds, says: "What is still happening has frightening implications for us all."

Illustration: JOHN WALSH

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in bed in April, 1966, apparently of a ruptured blood vessel.

Sam Giancana was the Mafia boss who is said to have been called in by the CIA to help to assassinate Castro — a killing linked to the murder of Kennedy, claim some observers.

Giancana died from a bullet in the brain in August, 1976. Assassins unknown.

Johnny Roselli and **Charles Nicoletti** were Giancana's hit men.

Roselli's body floated ashore on a Florida beach—in an oil drum—in September, 1976. Nicoletti's bullet-riddled body was pulled from a blazing car soon after.

Lee Bowers, an eye-witness of the Kennedy assassination, said he saw three cars parking behind the Texas School Book Depository (from where Oswald is said to have shot the President) just before the murder.

Bowers was killed when his car left the road in August, 1964.

James Worrell, another eye-witness, said he saw a man running away from the TSBD building after the shooting. It was not Lee Harvey Oswald, he claimed.

Worrell was killed in a Dallas car smash in November, 1966.

Car salesman **Albert Bogard** told the Warren inquiry he took Oswald for a test drive on November 9, 1963. But he was nothing like the Oswald whose picture appeared in the papers later, said Bogard.

Bogard was badly beaten up after giving evidence. He was found gassed in his car in the middle of a cemetery, in February, 1966.

Apart from posthumously being found guilty of killing Kennedy, Oswald was found guilty of murdering Dallas police officer **Jefferson Tippit** less than an hour after Kennedy's death.

Harold Russell, a witness to the Tippit killing said he wasn't sure it was Oswald whom he saw fire the fatal shots.

Russell died of head injuries in July, 1965.

The new Senate Select Committee now investigating the death of Kennedy has 175 investigators and £2,000,000 to spend.

"We should be able to clarify things *if we can keep our witnesses alive,*" says a spokesman.

One man who had hoped to stay that way, despite all that happened to him, was **Roger Craig**.

He was a Dallas Deputy Sheriff when Kennedy was killed and figured prominently in the investigation.

He found Oswald's alleged sniper's lair and the rifle he is alleged to have used, on the sixth floor of the TSBD building, where Oswald worked. According to the Warren Commission it was an Italian carbine.

Craig, in fact, insisted that the rifle he found was a German Mauser.

These are quotes from Craig's letters to friends:

"Deputy Eugene Boone and I found that rifle, which I might add, was a 7.65 Mauser, so stamped on the barrel, and somewhere between the TSBD and the police station it changed into another type of weapon . . .

"There have been many attempts on my life. I don't know who is behind it. I have been shot at in '67. In '69 my life was threatened. In '70 my car was blown up.

"In '71 I was run off a mountain road in West Texas. My back, shoulder, left elbow, left foot and right leg were smashed. So I have suffered somewhat . . ."

In May, 1975, three weeks after he wrote that letter, Craig's sufferings ended. He died of gunshot wounds to the head. Verdict: Suicide.

If everything that has happened is mere coincidence, then the scale is breath-taking.

If it is *not* coincidence, then everything has happened by *design.*

My report has advanced no wild theories. It simply asks: Who killed Kennedy? And why?

The Mafia, Cuban exiles, the Cuban Secret Service, the CIA, big business interests — or a combination of any or all?

Was Kennedy a victim of the war nobody talks about: the US v. Cuba?

He died within four seconds of being hit by the first of three bullets. But it may be that his death was four years in the making.

Castro took over power in Cuba in January, 1959. This alarmed America's CIA, which is dedicated to the American democratic ideal.

There is no evidence Castro's revolutionary ideology was aligned with the Kremlin's. But the CIA set about trying to remove the new Red menace in its hemisphere.

Even as late as November 19, 1963, three days before Kennedy's assassination, a CIA agent was given a pen to pass to a Cuba contact, who was told to give it to Castro.

In the pen was a needle and poison with which it was hoped Castro would inadvertently kill himself.

But Castro is the least

ALSO DEAD

Earlene Roberts: heart attack
Bill Chesher: heart attack
Jack Ruby: natural causes?
Bill Hunter: shot
Marilyn Magyar: shot
Rose Cheramie: hit and run
Albert Bogard: gassed
Harold Russell: head injuries
Jim Koethe: shot
Mrs Earl Smith: cause unknown
Gary Underhill: suicide?
Betty MacDonald: strangled

likely to have planned Kennedy's death. Kennedy's removal would not, Castro knew, dampen CIA interest in Cuban activities.

Which leaves the Mafia, CIA and big business — the latter clearly incensed by Kennedy's plans.

At the time of his death he intended to:

WITHDRAW tax concessions worth billions of dollars granted to Texan oil companies.

ABOUT-TURN on America's military attempts to regain a foothold in Cuba.

END the Vietnam war (escalated by his successor, Johnson) which was proving lucrative to arms manufacturers.

PEG the price of steel and slash the producers' profits.

If the hypothesis is correct, big business had the money, the Mafia had the killers, and the CIA had the know-how.

It is not a big step once murder is established as official policy to go from trying to kill Castro to killing Kennedy.

That is why the conclusion must be that somewhere, somehow Cuba and Dallas are inextricably linked.

It would seem that in the war nobody talked about America v Cuba. Kennedy was likely to be a victim of his own side.

If three snipers killed Kennedy—as seems likely since Oswald's rifle was incapable of firing all three shots so fast—their fire would have had to be synchronised. Was there a signal?

A film I have studied shows that at the instant the President's motorcade reached the Dallas kill zone, a man in the crowd suddenly opened an umbrella—and raised it.

That man has never been identified.

There was no rain that morning.

After the shooting, many by-standers, among them witnesses disregarded by the Warren Commission, ran to a grassy knoll overlooking Elm Street. They thought they had seen smoke there.

They were joined by Dallas patrolman Joe Smith. He saw a man in the bushes, drew his gun, then holstered it again in embarrassment.

For the man showed his identity card—agent of the US Secret Service

That agent, too, has never been identified, because he was *not* who he claimed to be.

One last word from Sherman Holland, one of the "gunsmoke" witnesses disregarded by the Warren Commission.

He vented his frustrations this way in an American TV interview:

"When the time comes that an American can't tell the truth, because the Government doesn't like it, that's the time to give the country back to the Indians."

He paused, then added thoughtfully: "If they'll take it."